

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

September 13, 2021

via Zoom

Attendees

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Don Simon	NI6A
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Martha Richards	KN6ELO

Agenda:

- Training and Operations
 - Preparation for Fall SET
 - Date selection (Nov. 13 or Oct.16)
 - Structure and scenario
 - Training review/discussion of past SET recording selections
- Old business
 - Distribution of GMRS radios
 - Any updates/ideas regarding physical meeting locations
 - Reiterate recruitment of new officers (coming "retirements")
- New business
 - [Member survey concept feedback](#) (purpose/content review)
- Tech./Infrastructure
 - Goal to get up to three new patch boxes in place before (and used during) the

- Fall SET
 - KCC
 - Cerrito Vista
 - Canyon Trail
 - Report on Natalie's antenna removal
- Elmering
 - Recent request/updates
- Treasurer/Funding
 - Treasurer report
- Outreach/PR/web
 - Appointment of Blake KN6CMP to Outreach/PR manager
- Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs
 - 1st Wed., reports

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the August meeting minutes.

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Training session

Planning for fall SET

- The date is now set for Nov. 13, even in the event of rain.

Disaster Plan

- A disaster plan is posted on the KARO-ECHO website.
- The first priority is to check your own family and home.
- Next - get on the KARO-ECHO frequency and see who else is listening.
- The first operator on the air generally becomes net control. Ask for check-ins and see who has backup power.
- If appropriate, go to the staging area and get reports from neighborhood operators. If no pre-arranged staging area has been planned, an improvised location may be required.

Digital Communication Mode Practice Net

- A new activity for those interested is a digital communication mode learning and practice net on the 3rd Monday of each month on the KARO-ECHO frequency, 146.415MHz.
- The first attempts will be made using FLdigi software and MT63 mode using acoustical coupling and manual PTT for those who do not have a wired interface.

Business session

Old business

- Two vacancies for KE officers, president and treasurer, will need to be filled next year.
- The cost for in-person meeting space in the Albany Memorial Building would be \$60/hr.
- An investigation as to whether the Kensington Youth Hut might be able to provide meeting space for free is still under investigation.

New business

- Self Assessment Form:
 - A checklist document is being prepared to evaluate skills we have practiced in Thursday evening nets and twice yearly SETs as well as skills we still need to learn.
 - The checklist included online classes which may conclude with an exam and certificate.
 - The aim is for each of us to learn which additional skills we could benefit from.

Technical / Infrastructure

- A goal is to install a patchbox at the KCC and antennas and patchboxes at Cerrito Vista Park and Canyon Trail Park, possibly before the November SET.

Treasurer report

- The treasurer report is in the newsletter.

Elmering

- NI6A has been providing ongoing help on multiple subjects.

Outreach / Recruiting

- What is needed before the November SET?

Neighborhood Nets / EOC Transmitter Checks

- Since our numbers are small, EC7 will join the EC8 neighborhood net on the 1st Wednesday evening at 8PM. The FRS/GMRS channel has been changed from 1 to 4 in hopes of having fewer other users on the same frequency.
- KJ6AAT continues to check the Richmond EOC radios each month
- KN6BUY is investigating testing the El Cerrito EOC radio monthly. Conselman

Quinto suggested an email to him would enable entry into El Cerrito City Hall.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.